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SUMMARY: DISCUSSION ON THE FRENCH AND GERMAN PROPOSALS FOR SUB-ITEM (A)(1)(II) MADE THE US APPEAR UNRESPONSIVE TO THE TECHNICAL REALITIES OF BLOC CAPABILITIES AS WELL AS OBSTINATE TO THE MODERATE RELAXATIONS PROPOSED. ALL DELEGATIONS SEEM UNABLE TO COMPREHEND THE US CONCERN SINCE THEIR QUESTIONS IN ROUND I WERE UNANSWERED BY SPECIFIC MILITARY/STRATEGIC APPLICATIONS WHICH WERE GENUINELY SIGNIFICANT. ACTION REQUESTED: LIFT RESERVES ON BOTH THE FRENCH AND GERMAN PROPOSALS.

1. DISCUSSION BEGAN ON APRIL 10, 1975 WITH THE FRENCH PROPOSAL ON (A)(1)(II) ON WHICH THE US AND CANADA WERE THE ONLY DELEGATIONS IN RESERVE. CANADA LIFTED THEIR RESERVE LEAVING THE US THE LONE RESERVER.

2. THE US ASKED THE FRENCH DELEGATION IF IT WAS PREPARED TO ACCEPT AN AE FOR TUBES TO BE USED IN NON-AIRBORNE APPLICATIONS.

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PLICATIONS. THEY OPINED THAT THE NEED FOR AN AE SEEMED

UNFOUNDED. THE UK SUPPORTED THIS STATEMENT AND REQUESTED THE US TO JUSTIFY THEIR REQUEST IN TERMS OF THE STRATEGIC CRITERIA.

3. BLOC CAPABILITY IN THE FIELD OF GRIDDED TUBES WAS INTRODUCED IN SUPPORT OF BOTH THE FRENCH AND GERMAN PROPOSALS ON THIS SUBITEM. FYI-OUR OWN INTELLIGENCE REPORTS SUPPORT THIS CLAIM (SEE NO. 9376 DATED 26 NOVEMBER 1974). END FYI.

4. THE GERMAN PROPOSAL ON THE NOTE TO SUBITEM (A)(1)(II) HAD BEEN ACCEPTED BY ALL DELEGATIONS DURING ROUND I EXCEPT THE US WHICH CONTINUED ITS RESERVE IN THE ABSENCE OF SUBSTANTIVE INSTRUCTIONS.

5. THE GERMANS, AIDED BY THE FRENCH, NETHERLANDS AND UK DELEGATIONS, SUPPORTED THEIR MODEST RELAXATION WITH THE CLAIM THAT THE PRESENT NOTE DOES NOT REALLY FREE ANY TUBES NOW NECESSARY FOR TV TRANSMITTER APPLICATIONS. AS AN EXAMPLE, TV TUBES NECESSARY FOR BAND 5 TRANSMISSION (600-900 MHZ) WOULD BE LIMITED TO APPROXIMATELY 1 KILOWATT MAXIMUM. THIS POWER OUTPUT IS JUST NOT SUFFICIENT FOR TODAY'S TV APPLICATIONS.

6. THE GERMANS POINTED OUT THEIR PROPOSAL WAS VERY MODEST AND THAT THESE TUBES COULD NOT BE USED FOR RADAR (PULSED) APPLICATIONS AS THE US POINTED OUT IN ROUND I. THE EAST BLOC IS TRYING TO BUILD UP THEIR TV TRANSMISSION SYSTEMS AND TUBES ARE NECESSARY.

7. THE UK ENTERED THE DISCUSSION BY ASKING THE US IF THE US PRESENTLY USES TUBES SPECIALLY DESIGNED TV TRANSMISSION PURPOSES IN STRATEGIC AREAS? IF SO, WHAT ARE THEY? THE US STATED THEY WOULD REFER THIS QUESTION TO THEIR AUTHORITIES. FYI-US EXPERTS FEEL OUR POSITION IS VERY WEAK ON THIS ITEM BASED UPON THE INTELLIGENCE STATEMENTS RECEIVED AND THE TECHNICAL NATURE OF THE EQUIPMENT. END FYI.

8. ACTION REQUESTED; LIFT RESERVES ON BOTH THE FRENCH  
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AND GERMAN PROPOSALS BASED UPON TTG REPORTS DATED NOVEMBER 4, 1974 AND MARCH 13, 1975 WHICH REPRESENT AN INVESTIGATIVE STUDY OF THIS MATTER WITH LEADING EXPERTS IN THIS FIELD.  
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